

Winter Storm Warning

URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE National Weather Service Houston/Galveston TX 339 PM CST Sat Feb 13 2021

MAJOR WINTER STORM TO IMPACT THE REGION SUNDAY AND MONDAY...

- WINTER STORM WATCH IN EFFECT FROM 9 PM CST SATURDAY EVENING THROUGH 3 PM SUNDAY...
- WINTER STORM WARNING IN EFFECT FROM 3 PM SUNDAY TO 6 PM CST MONDAY...
- WIND CHILL WATCH IN EFFECT FROM SUNDAY EVENING THROUGH TUESDAY MORNING...
- * WHAT...A strong storm system will move into the area bringing freezing rain, sleet and snow. Snowfall accumulations of 1/2 to 2 inches are expected north and west of the Highway 59 and Interstate 69 corridor tapering down to maybe 1/10 inch along the immediate coast. Localized higher amounts are possible. This will be on top of a layer of ice between 1/10 to 1/4 inch thick. Additionally, it will become extremely cold, with long stretches of next week spent below freezing well inland. Minimum wind chills may fall below zero well inland as well.
- * WHERE...Southern parts of Southeast Texas.
- * WHEN...From 9 PM Saturday to 6 PM Monday.
- * IMPACTS...Travel could be very difficult...if not impossible late Sunday into Monday. The extremely low wind chills as low as 15 below zero will become life threatening to people and animals outside without adequate warmth or shelter! The strong winds could also result in blowing and drifting of snow yielding near white out conditions with visibility less than 1/2 mile at times.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A major winter storm is forecast to occur. Preparations to protect life and property should be rushed to completion. Prepare for power outages and have non-perishable food and water on hand. Do not travel unless it is an emergency. If you must travel, keep an extra blanket, flashlight, food, and water in your vehicle in case you become stranded.

The latest road conditions for Texas can be found at drivetexas.org.

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Hard Freeze Watch

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HARD FREEZE WATCH IN EFFECT FROM SUNDAY EVENING THROUGH TUESDAY MORNING...

- * WHAT...Sub-freezing temperatures as low as 3 above possible.
- * WHERE...Portions of south central and southeast Texas.
- * WHEN...From Sunday evening through Tuesday morning.
- * IMPACTS...Frost and freeze conditions could kill crops, other sensitive vegetation and possibly damage unprotected outdoor plumbing.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

Take steps now to protect tender plants from the cold. To prevent freezing and possible bursting of outdoor water pipes they should be wrapped, drained, or allowed to drip slowly. Those that have in-ground sprinkler systems should drain them and cover above-ground pipes to protect them from freezing.

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PREPARATIONS:





Preparing For Cold Weather



Protect People

Make sure to have extra blankets and layers ready in case power goes out. Road conditions may be treacherous, so have water and food supplies ready. Check in with your elderly family and neighbors to see if they need help.



Protect your Plants

Know the temperature thresholds of your plants. If possible, cover your plants before the cold weather sets in to help retain some heat.

Extreme cold weather is possible, what can you do now to prepare?



Protect your Pipes

Insulated your pipes if possible, and open up the sink cabinets to expose the pipes to heated air. Disconnect outdoor hoses and turn off water to sprinkler systems.

Vehicle Preparedness

Make sure your car has supplies such as water and blankets in case you get stranded due to icy roads. Check to see if you need to fill up your tank before the cold weather event.



Stay Alert

Be sure to check in with the latest forecasts, and learn the signs of hypothermia and frostbite.



Protect your Pets

Please bring your pets inside.